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INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJ: FOREIGN SECRETARY RETURNS FROM MOSCOW

REF: (A) DACCA 6218; (B) 6228

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN RETURNED FROM MOSCOW YESTERDAY (DECEMBER 18) AFTER HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO MOSCOW.

2. A "STATEMENT" WAS ISSUED JOINTLY IN DACCA AND MOSCOW AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT. AFTER NOTING THAT TABARAK HUSAIN AHD VISITED MOSCOW AS A "SPECIAL ENVOY" OF PRESIDENT SAYEM (AND THUS GIVING THE VISIT STANDING COMMENSURATE WITH THE SATTAR VISIT TO NEW DELHI), THE STATEMENT WENT ON TO SAY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE -- "THE TWO SIDES HAD FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST".

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-- THE ATMOSPHERE WAS MARKED BY "CORDIALITY".

-- BOTH BANGLADESH AND THE SOVIET UNION "REAFFIRMED"  
THEIR "DESIRE TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH  
ONE ANOTHER ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLES OF PEACE-

FUL COEXISTENCE WHICH INCLUDE RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY  
AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN  
EACH OTHERS INTERNAL AFFAIRS".

-- BOTH ALSO REAFFIRMED "CONSISTENT SUPPORT TO THE  
PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUB-  
CONTINENT AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDSHIP AND  
COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THAT REGION  
AND IN THE WORLD AT LARGE."

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE STATE HAS A DISTINCT BOILER-  
PLATE QUALITY, WE THINK OUR CONVERSATIONS AT THE FOREIGN  
OFFICER IN COMING DAYS WILL REVEAL THAT THE BANGALEES  
ARE PLEASED WITH ITS TERMS. FIRST, THE "NON-INTERFERENCE"  
REFERENCE WILL BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME, AND THE BANGALEES  
WILL SURELY USE IT LIBERALLY WITH THE INDIAN. SECOND,  
THE USE OF THE TERM "SOUTH ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT" WILL  
ALLOW THE BANGALEES TO CLAIM THAT THE SOVIETS ACKNOWLEDGE  
THAT THE REGION IS NO RPT NOT AN INDIAN FIFDOM. THIRD,  
REITERATED SUPPORT FOR NORMALIZATION IN SOUTH ASIA  
NECESSARILY REFERS AS MUCH TO PAK-BANGALEE RELATIONS  
AS IT DOES TO ANYTHING ELSE, AND THUS WILL PERMIT THE  
BANGALEES TO ASSERT TO THE INDIAN THAT THE SOVIETS  
HAVE NO RPT NO PROBLEM WITH THE TIES NOW EMERGING.

4. FOR A COUNTRY WHICH PLAYS FROM WEKNESS, BANGLADESH  
SEEMS TO DO SOME THINGS PRETTY WELL.  
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